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MAYOR LEAVES CHAMBER FOR YOUNG WIVES

Ratepayers at last week's meeting of Altona Council could be excused for believing that complacency is creeping into the council chamber.

After welcoming guests at the meeting and giving his mayoral report, the mayor Cr. Ray Richards left the chamber to address a group of young wives at St. Eanswythe's Church of England in Queen Street.

After announcing "exciting" new plans for the development of Cherry Lake as a picnic/tourist area, Cr. Richards apologised to councillors and the gallery for having to leave so early.

"I've put this off for some time and I promised these ladies I'd get to this meeting," said Cr. Richards.

When he made his mayoral report, Cr. Richards commented on the Altona Drama Group's recent production **Ladies' in Retirement.** A member of the drama group, who was sitting in the gallery, attempted to open conservation with him.

Deputy Mayor, Cr. Ian Stewart, chaired the council meeting in Cr. Richards' absence. Cr. Richards returned to entertain guests in the mayoral chamber later in the evening.

The mayor and council have made a further break with tradition this year by agreeing to donate the proceeds of the annual mayoral charity ball next month, to a sporting body — the Altona Little Athletics' Association.

SUPPORTER

Cr. Richards is a keen supporter of the Little Athletics' and councillors believe the community will benefit by the donation.

In previous years, money raised by Altona's annual mayoral charity balls went to the Altona Hospital or to centres for spastic children.

Footscray council by contrast has ruled that proceeds from their mayoral ball this year, will go to five charities — the Chislon Spastic Centre in Footscray, the Red Cross, Yulunga, David House and Legacy.

One Altona councillor this week told the Star council had decided to give the money to the Little Athletics' Association this year, because it was non-denominational and the need was there.

The meeting of Altona council last week was interesting in more ways than one. Cr. Charlie Carlsson announced that a family planning clinic would be established in Altona within two months' and Cr. Ian Stewart was successful in moving that council seek a further deputation with the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Hunt, over the Government's freezing of land. on Truganina Reserve.

Plans for the proposed development of Cherry Lake were on display in the mayoral chamber and it was also announced by Cr. Carlsson that council would soon have a community development officer. His salary would be subsidised by the Federal Government.

Altona council is running smoothly despite the fact that councillors are not too happy with one councillor who has appealed against their decision to disallow one of his flat developments.

Windows smashed, seats slashed

Passengers are alleged to have smashed windows and slashed seats on a Williamstown-bound train recently.

Police and railways employees removed "these unruly people" at Spotswood at midnight, said the general manager of the Victorian Railway, Mr. I. G. Hodges.

Mr. Hodges warned that special railways investigators would be making raids on trains in the western area to grab vandals and check bad behavior.

Mr. Hodges said that in recent weekend raids on eastern lines police and railways detectives apprehended 40 people. Offences included brawling, offensive behavior, indecent language and fare evasion.

In charge was Chief Inspector K. W. Gething. He had a force of 11 railways detectives and the help of 30 policemen.

"We are determined to stamp out hooliganism and vandalism," said Mr. Hodges.

"These raids will continue regularly on all lines until we win what the public have a right to expect — comfortable travel without inconvenience or offence resulting from undesirable behavior."

The anti-hooligan force has also made raids on the Geelong line.

It took seven youths and girls from a Melbourne to Geelong train. They will appear before the Children's Court on charges of offensive behavior and using indecent language.

These particular raids followed complaints by passengers about gangs of louts picking fights, jostling and swearing.

AN AGE SUBURBAN PUBLICATION

Cherry Lake will be developed

Plans for the development of Cherry Lake as a tourist/picnic area were on display at Altona Council Chambers last week.

Details of the plans and their acceptance by council were announced by the mayor, Cr. Ray Richards.

The drawing-up of the plans was financed under the Western Area Improvement Programme.

Provision has been made for a conservation area for the bird-life on the lake, two small man-made islands, a games area, a bridle track, barbecue and fishing areas, an equestrian trail and a boat ramp for small yachts.

Before the plans can be implemented, council must seek approval from the Board of Works, which is the controlling authority, and approach the Federal Government for the money required.

Cr. Richards said the plans for development of the lake looked very exciting.

FILM CENTRE FOR ALTONA

The Film and Television Board of the Australian Council for the Arts is establishing a $22,000 audio visual centre at 18 Pier Street, Altona.

The centre will be financed by a government grant under the Western Area Improvement Programme.

It will be available to all community groups for the preparation of cultural, environment and community interest topics.

Portable television cameras, lighting, tapes and monitoring equipment, will be housed there.

At last week's council meeting, Cr. Doug Grant successfully moved that council take the initiative and use the facilities available to make a public relations film about Altona.

Cyclists beware

Peddling quietly along with your pet? Or running the gauntlet of inconsiderate motorists?

With winter here local police have warned of the dangers to cyclists..

They said it is important that anyone using a bicycle make sure the bicycle is in good condition and has all satisfactory safety features.

Twelve cyclists have already been killed on the roads this year and police are frightened that the numbers will rise dramatically.

They said the increasing usage of bicycles by children and adults meant motorists had to be very careful.

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Altona gets family planning clinic

Relentless campaigning by Altona Council in its bid to establish a family planning clinic in Altona has paid dividends.

The clinic will open within two months probably at the Somers Parade infant welfare centre in Altona West.

The Director of Maternal and Child Welfare, Dr. Willmot advised council that her department is able to appoint a doctor to supervise the clinic and subsidise part cost of the operation.

Reporting the matter at council last week, health portfolio holder, Cr. Charlie Carlsson said one of council's infant welfare sisters, Sister Mason was attending a special course.

On completion of course next month she would be able to assist with the starting of the clinic service, he said.

Cr. Carlsson said the Maternal and Child Welfare Department had already approved of the David Street infant welfare centre being used for the family clinic after infant welfare hours.

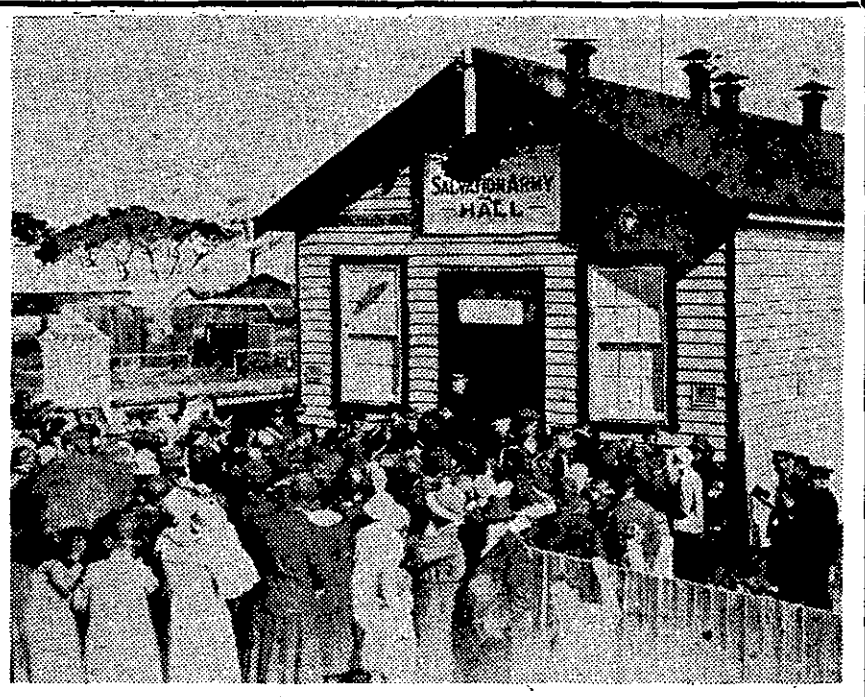
But as Sister Mason was working at the Somers Parade and Ronald Avenue welfare centres, it might be more appropriate to use the Somers Parade centre first with later consideration given to extending the service to Ronald Avenue, he added.

Cr. Carlsson said Dr. Willmot's department was inspecting the two centres to ascertain their suitability.

The department estimated that equipment required by council to run the centre would cost $400.

Cr. Carlsson then successfully moved that the town clerk, buy the necessary equipment so the clinic would be ready when the doctor and sister were available.

He moved that provision be made for the expenditure in this year's council estimates. His motion was passed.



ANOTHER LANDMARK GOES

Another historical landmark is disappearing from Altona.

Demolition of the Salvation Army citadel in Queen Street began at the weekend. Next year a modern $54,000 centre will grace the site.

The picture above shows the offical opening of the old citadel in Altona on March 14, 1932.

The building, an old lodge house had been shifted from Williamstown.

Salvation Army work in Altona began on January 16, 1930. At that time meetings were in the "Progress Hall" until it was sold to Altona Baptist Church.

A kind Altona resident — Mr. Luly pitched a tent in his backyard and that became the centre until the new hall arrived. Sunday School for primary children was held in two rooms in Mr. Luly's house.

Letter to Cairns

Altona Mayor, Cr. Ray Richards, sent a letter to Dr. Jim Cairns congratulating him on council's behalf on his appointment as Deputy Prime Minister.

Cr. Les Crofts said he was pleased to learn of the letter. He said the appointment of Dr. Cairns as Deputy PM augured well for the western suburbs.

Complaints

Two of the three pollution complaints received by Altona Council during the recent fortnightly term were complaints about noise.

One of them was a local machinery problem. The other referred to spillage from a company's motor vehicle.

PRAISE FOR THE CLARKS

Altona Historical Society president Mr. Allan Clark has been congratulated in the Royal Historical Society's newsletter on his publication, 'A History of Altona.'

Reporting to last week's meeting of Altona Council, cultural activities portfolio holder Councillor Ian Stewart said the 23-page pamphlet was selling well.

He said Mr. Clark was preparing several other historical publications about Altona.

Subjects included: Brown Coal Mining in Altona, Altona Land Development, Altona Rail Transport, Altona Aviation, Williamstown Racecourse, Cut Paw Paw Sanatorium and Truganina Explosives Reserve.

Mr. Clark's wife, Judy, was researching information for a book on W. J. T. Clarke (1805-1874) and his son, Sir William Clarke (1831-1897).

"We are fortunate to have in the municipality people like the Clarks who have the interest and capacity to carry out historical research," said Cr. Stewart.

Mr. Clark's publication, **A History of Altona,** is 50 cents a copy.

Council has arranged for copies to be distributed to schools as well as libraries.

The publication includes a map, illustrations, a feature and an index.

Truga' land freeze gets chilly reception

Government delay in releasing Truganina Reserve for housing development had exhausted the patience of councillors and ratepayers in Altona, Cr. Ian Stewart told last week's council meeting.

He successfully moved that council seek a further deputation with the Minister for Local Government if satisfactory information was not received within a fortnight.

A council deputation to the Minister last year had stressed the necessity for development planning so that there would not be a duplication in services for the Truganina area and adjoining freehold property, said Cr. Stewart.

Council had already received an indication from private developers of land adjoining Truganina that they would finance sewerage and water reticulation of Truganina Reserve.

And the council had already spent $39,000 on drainage of the reserve, necessary to the development of the area north of Queen Street.

After the deputation, the Minister agreed to ask the Town and Country Planning Board to report on the scheme of development for the area, including redevelopment of the sub-divided land to the west, if that appeared physically and economically desirable.

Cr. Stewart said there was an urgent need for the release of land in this area.

Sewerage was readily available and the council could not condone unnecessary delay in making such a choice area of land available for housing.

He continued: "Woodfar Nominees are already challenging a refusal by the Board of Works to issue a land use permit for the subdivision of the land.

"While the council has some objection to subdivision, unless drainage and other servicing requirements meet with the requirements of the council, we must continue to exert pressure on the Government. "This will ensure the land is released for residential requirements as quickly as possible.

"We have received a reply dated May 28, from the Acting Minister for Local Government that he will request the Town and Country Planning Board to expedite the preparation of its final report covering the development of this area," he added.

Welfare officer

Altona Council has the green light from Federal Government to appoint a community development officer.

The officer will be expected to investigate and report to council all aspects of welfare development and operation within the municipality. The appointee will work in close liaison with Altona's community welfare officer, Mrs. Lorna Carruthers.

'GOOD NEWS'

Reporting to council last week, holder of the health, social welfare and senior citizens' portfolio, Cr. Charlie Carlsson said the government decision was "further good news for Altona."

He said a grant of $10,000 a year has been approved for the appointment.

Continuing his portfolio report, Cr. Carlsson said the council would also be receiving $5,835 toward maintenance expenses at the senior citizens' club, $1000 as a holiday grant for low income families and $1000 for a National Fitness Council campaign.

He successfully moved that the town clerk in conjunction with the Western Region Council for Social Development draw up job specifications for the welfare probe. The matter would then be referred to council's finance committee for consideration.

WITNESSES WANTED

Detectives from Footscray C.I.B. are looking for witnesses to a car fire under the Hopkins Street, Footscray railway bridge late last month.

A senior detective said yesterday the alarm was given from a public fire alarm at the corner of Hopkins and Moreland Streets.

It was probable a passing motorist was responsible for this and had not waited, not realising he or she could possibly assist police.

The car, a white-colored Volkswagen, was stolen from St. Albans and police believe it was deliberately set alight in the early hours of the morning.

They believe the car was driven along the railway line to where it was burnt.

Anyone seeing the fire, or the car, is urged to contact **Detective-Sergeant R. Wyllie,** at Footscray C.I.B., telephone 68 6234.

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Val's Column

Hello Girls,

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Right! So we can cover our clothes and cover our hair, but our face still has to face the elements. (Sorry Girls).

Yes! You're on the ball, there is a way to cover your face. Waterproof make up. Max Factor introduced waterproof make up face cream — and blusher last summer. Then Revlon gave us all Weather Creme make up in jars — both the face colour and the blusher. I thought I should bring it to your attention that this same Revlon All Weather Creme is available in a tube if you prefer.

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If you are tinting your hair you will be pleased to know Tintette are giving away a Twice as Lasting Colorset bottle of highlight colour.

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COUNCIL IN BRIEF

STALLS

Council has given its approval for the Highland and National Dancers' Association of Victoria to conduct a street stall on Pier Street on Saturday, August 17. The Ronald Avenue Kindergarten has also received approval to run a stall in Boorack Square, Altona North, on September 27.

OIL HEATERS

Inquiries by Altona Council have confirmed that ratepayers wishing to instal oil heaters in their homes must apply to the council building section before doing so. Victoria's Uniform Building Regulations require ratepayers to give the section a notice of installation and to pay a fee of one dollar for the permit.

APPOINTED

Cr. Alan Shaw has been re-appointed Altona Council's representative on the Point Gellibrand High School Advisory Council. The appointment is for a three-year term.

Canberra backs deal

COUNCIL BUYS QUARRY SITE

The Williamstown Council has bought more than 30 acres of Newport quarry land that will become eventually public open space for recreation.

The exhausted quarry will have to be filled. The council will do this by using it as a rubbish tip — at present most of Williamstown's garbage has to be taken to a tip at Sunshine.

The council successfully tendered for the area it has bought with a bid of $449,307. The Federal Government will pay $280,000.

The council will raise the rest of the money through loans.

The northern boundary of the acquired land is at Percy and Bruce streets. The council also owns about 14 acres of former quarry land on the east to Johnston Street.

The company that sold the quarry land to the council, Consolidated Quarries, still holds an area of more than 30 acres to Margaret Street. This area is zoned "light industry."

Mr. John Morley, Williamstown's Town Clerk and city manager, said this week that the council hoped to begin to develop the quarry site before the end of the year.

The council decided at its meeting on Monday to employ consultants to advise it on the best way of developing the Newport land.

Benefit ball

Altona Little Athletics Association will benefit from the annual Altona Mayoral Charity Cabaret Ball to be held at the Altona North High School Assembly Hall on Friday, July 19.

Tickets are on sale at $20 a double (all inclusive) from the ticket secretary, Mrs. Lois Wilson, at the Altona Civic Hall.

Music for the non-stop dancing from 6.00 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. will be provided by Noel Lavelle and his orchestra and the guest artist will be George Hegan.

THIEF FORCES WINDOW

A thief forced a side window of Else Gould's house in Elizabeth Street, Newport, and stole $25 in cash, a transistor radio, an automatic camera and a pair of binoculars.

"MANIAC" DRIVER LOSES LICENCE

"This was maniacal . . . ridiculous . . . arrogant", said Mr. G. Hoare, SM, addressing a man who drove a baker's delivery van through Altona streets at up to 65 mph.

The man is Hristos Syrrakos, 37, of Elm Street, Northcote. He was fined $30 on each of two speeding charges and $40 for careless driving. His driving licence was suspended for three weeks.

He is married and has two children.

Constable Gary Schiele told the Williamstown Court last Thursday that he saw the van while on patrol at 6.20 a.m. on Sunday, February 27.

It was speeding, so he followed it. When the police car first took up a position, the van was doing 55 mph. The back of it was swaying and the van changed lanes without any signal.

In Mason Street, the driver appeared to lose control of the van.

At one stage, the van was travelling at 65, swaying and again diverged for no apparent reason.

Finally police intercepted the van in Civic Parade.

Const. Schiele said the asked Syrrakos why he was driving so fast.

He replied "I am a baker and I am running late. I am in trouble because I got up late."

He pleaded guilty in court to the speeding charges but not guilty of careless driving.

"It has happened once in my lifetime," he told Mr. Hoare.

Reward for lost 'Lady'

Rose Street resident Mr. Bob Worthing is offering a reward to anyone knowing the whereabouts of his liver-colored shorthaired female pointer, 'Lady'.

"Lady" has been missing from 49 Rose Street since May 25. Mr. Worthing can be contacted on 398 4206.

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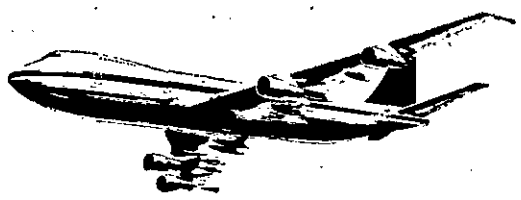

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He loses $50 bail – but charge outed

A man failed to turn up in Williamstown Court last Thursday to face a wilful-damage charge. The magistrate ordered that his $50 bail bond be forfeit — and dismissed the charge.

The man is Denis Joseph Patrick Martin, of no fixed address.

His wife, Lillian, who lives in a fourth - floor Housing Commission flat in Aitken Street, Williamstown, told the court that she came home on Friday, June 7, and found a window broken and glass strewn on the floor inside.

Constable Peter Day said he found Martin in the Customs House Hotel next day and asked him about the broken window.

WINDOW

Martin told him that he went to the flat the day before to see his wife and broke the window. He didn't know how and he didn't know why. He was drunk.

Mr. G. Hoare, SM, said Martin had admitted breaking the window but had not heard evidence of wilful intent. He had, therefore, to dismiss the information.

Pleasant Sunday

A pleasant Sunday morning will be held in the E. J. Whitten Stand at Western Oval on June 23.

The morning, starting at 10.30, will feature the master of the keyboard, Freddie Phillips, magician John Hutchinson, singer Loris Stacey (pictured) and comedian Mal Meikle.

Hutchinson is regarded as master of the sleight-of-hand and has performed in Sydney clubs and on television.

Miss Stacey, who has had conservatorium training, went to England for more experience and performed on the BBC and in operas.

The morning is open to men only and admission may be paid at the door.

'FORMERS' SEMINAR

The Formerly Married *Club of Victoria will hold* a seminar at Healesville on Friday to Sunday (June 21-23).

People who cannot get there on Friday can attend on Saturday, but free transport is provided only on Friday night.

All interested should 'phone Bev, on 29 7247.

Married at St. Mary's

Pictured are Paul Gillis and Louise Van De Graaf, who were married at St. Mary's, Altona.

Paul is the second son of Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Gillis, of Currin Road, Elsternwick. Louise is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Van De Graaf, of Seagull Avenue, Altona.

The Rev. Father Dalton officiated at the service.

Bridesmaids were Maryanne Piouesan and Francis Gillis. Flower girls were Jule Van De Graaf, and Helen Van De Graaf.

Best man was Michael Convery and groomsman Dallas Drew.

Photo: Barry M. Sutton, Williamstown.

Community hot water

Many home unit dwellers in the Altona district are sharing a common water heating system with their neighbors.

This follows recent trends towards economy in the building industry.

Builders have found that a water heating system previously used only in industrial installations, could supply home units with more hot water at less cost — and take less storage space.

The system consists of one or more big commercial water heaters rather than separate heaters individually plumbed and installed in each home unit.

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Questions, questions . . .

JOHN WINS QUIZ PRIZE

A magistrate quizzed for nearly 10 minutes a young man seeking his licence back.

John Darcy Connors, 21, laborer, of Violet Street, Williamstown, got the licence back, too, but with a warning that he would almost certainly be sent to gaol if convicted of a third .05 offence.

Mr. G. Hoare, SM: "What have been your drinking habits since you lost your licence?"

Connors: "I have a drink, sir."

"Where and when do you drink? — "I have a drink after the footy on Saturday. I follow Footscray . . ."

"Do you drink at the football?" — "No, afterwards, sir."

"Mmm, you must be one of the very few!"

"And where do you drink at other times?" — "At the Hobson's Bay Hotel."

"Do you drink in a school?" — "I have a drink with some of my mates sometimes."

Just glasses

"Do you drink glasses?" — "Yes."

"Not pots?" — "No."

"Do you always drink beer?" — "Yes, sir."

"Why do you want a licence to drive?" — "Mainly for my work. I have to move about."

"Have you got a car?" — "Yes I've just bought one."

"What sort?" — "An FJ Holden."

"What did you pay for it ?" —"$150".

Mr. Hoare then questioned the applicant, a tall, good-looking young man, about his savings, his pay, and what he did with his money.

He got about $120 a week. He'd paid for the car. He paid board at home (he is single). Savings, no, after buying the car.

"Well, what do you do with your money? It seems that you must spend a lot of it on liquor," said Mr. Hoare.

"No sir, I've spent it mainly on clothes". Yes, and John did cut a with-it figure in the witness box.

Then Sergeant Doug Hilton, assisting the SM, took over.

He asked the applicant if he went to the Williamstown football ground and drank cans with his mates up on the western slopes. Connors admitted to having a few drinks at the football.

I saw him

Sgt. Hilton put it to Connors that he (Hilton) had seen Connors drinking —always with the same group — in the Hobson's Bay.

And at the football, where, the Sergeant testified he'd seen Connors only recently. Connors said this was right at the end of the game and he had only just arrived at the ground.

Sgt. Hilton then went into the witness box and testified that he had seen Connors drinking in the hotel with the same group. The last time, he said, Connors was under the influence.

Mr. Hoare pondered for some minutes before telling Connors that he could have his licence back.

He had borne in mind that Connors could have made the application months ago.

Getting a licence back is no routine operation these days — especially for the young!

Welfare for the Town

The constitution of the social-welfare advisory committee of the City of Williamstown was approved at the meeting on June 12.

The committee will investigate and report to the social welfare sub-committee and council on social-welfare matters in the municipality.

It will also help to work out a strategy for the future social development of the city.

Membership is open to all citizens of the municipality. It is free.

At the last meeting, the sub-committee appointed convenors in the areas which need investigation.

They are — elderly citizens (Mr. F. Bennett 397 7028); child care (Mr. P. Saddler 397 5395); migrant welfare committee (Mr. D. Yannopoulos 397 5905); cultural and recreation (Mr. D. Briggs 397 1104); consititution committee (Mrs. N. Moore 397 6870); family welfare (Mr. E. T. Wittington 397 5330) and youth committee (Mr. B. Steigner, C/-St. Paul's College, North Altona).

Each convenor will consult various people in collating the relevant information.

The social welfare advisory committee has helped to get grants for Williamstown under the Grants Commission.

In the short time the committee has been formed it has taken great steps to integrate community services.

We hope more people will take part in this exciting challenge.

HOPES FOR OUTREACH

A group of North Williamstown Primary School committee members hopes to establish a community outreach centre.

They want to provide creative, educational and recreational opportunities for the Williamstown community.

A seminar to discuss the idea will be held on Saturday, June 22, at the school, from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Representatives from local government, the Education Department, schools and community organisations are expected to attend.

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The woman took the watch back to the jeweller where she bought it. He denied it was second-hand.

Although she'd paid cash, the jeweller had refused to give her a receipt.

This is where Eileen Starrit stepped in. Mrs. Starrit has just been appointed paid organiser for consumer affairs in the western region after working for two years as a volunteer in the field.

Mother of nine waits for five months for new washing machine motor

She informed Mrs. X that the law required retailers to give customers receipts.

Mrs. Starrit went back to the jewellers with the woman who informed the jeweller of her rights.

The money was refunded immediately.

"It makes me sick that a citizen can't get action unless he's got a group behind him," Mrs. Starrit said.

"They (companies) think that if one person comes, they can ignore the complaints".

Mrs. Starrit said one woman with nine children had been waiting five months' to get a new motor put in her washing machine. She was told she was "at the end of a long waiting list".

Mrs. Starrit sent a telegram to the Sydney head office of the company involved, and the motor was replaced the next morning.

This sort of thing "stinks", Mrs. Starrit said.

She and three other women formed the Western Suburbs Consumers Association two years ago.

"There wasn't anything in the western suburbs," Mrs. Starrit said.

"It's a working class area. People don't have time to study their rights here. People on the eastern side are better educated about their rights.

"People here can be just as aware. It's just a matter of time.

"It's important to know the law. If people don't know their rights, they can't defend themselves".

Judging by the number of complaints Mrs. Starrit receives, the need for a consumers' group in the west is certainly there.

"All businessmen aren't crooked. But I believe there are people we need to be very careful with sometimes".

Mrs. Starrit either writes to the company against which a complaint has been received, or goes along with the customer to the store.

She informs the customer of his rights. "He's in a better position then. He has more confidence."

Mrs. Starrit and her group have also demonstrated outside stores to get action.

"But we don't see ourselves as just a complaints and information bureau.

"We want to find out what changes in legislation are needed, based on peoples' problems."

"We don't want to be known as a do-gooders' group. We want to learn from people. We want them to act."

Mrs. Starrit said legislative changes are necessary to protect the consumer.

And companies also have means to getting around the laws that do exist.

She quoted as an example, door-to-door selling.

Companies are required to give customers a "10-day cooling-off" period during which a buyer can change his mind and get a refund on goods bought.

But, in some cases, Mrs. Starrit said, this clause isn't included in the duplicate copy of the contract which the customer receives.

One area where consumer groups can do very little, is in overcharging.

"We need price control".

Although Mrs. Starrit had some measure of success with an antique store in the city.

The store was charging $25 for a necklace which was selling for $5 down the road.

Mrs. Starrit bought a $5 necklace, confronted the owner of the antique store, and got a refund for a customer who had bought one for $25.

"When we get results, I feel really good about it," she said.

One of the main offenders is the car dealers.

Mrs. Starrit quoted as examples, the sale of unroadworthy cars and overcharging for used cars.

In some cases, car dealers are also selling used cars they don't own.

And the last buyer is the person who suffers when the vehicle is taken back by the finance company who lent the money on the original sale.

Usually, the deal involves the car being sold first in N.S.W., and then in Victoria.

Because the car dealers involved don't admit knowing the car was not the property of the original seller, they cannot be charged with selling stolen goods.

And because the original hire purchase agreement and offence happened in N.S.W. the Victorian police can't lay charges.

● Eileen Starrit

"It makes me sick that a citizen can't get action"

"Legislation should be uniform throughout Australia," Mrs. Starrit said.

She said her group had asked car sellers to send copies of their warranties for comparison purposes.

So far, there has been no response. But this isn't generally the case.

"Mostly, when we ask for information, we get it.

"Companies are beginning to realise we can get information anyway."

Another area of concern for consumer groups is shoddy house-cladding.

Even if the customer has been given a 25-year guarantee on the job, if the company goes out of business, he has no recourse.

And if the customer has borrowed finance for the job from another company, he is still tied to that deal although the work hasn't been done properly.

Mrs. Starrit said one of the problems is that people don't realise they can put their own clauses into a contract.

"I come from a working class area in Ireland so I know some families have to have credit to exist.

"I don't want to stop credit but we are going to try to bring the interest rate down."

At present, the upper limit is 48 per cent. Mrs. Starrit and her group would like to see it lowered to 24 per cent.

Mrs. Starrit can't remember a time when she hasn't been interested in people's rights.

She has no educational or professional qualifications in her field and says: "I don't think anyone has to be educated to develop an interest in consumer affairs.

"Professionals talk about grass roots but they don't really know where the grass roots are. They're beginning to realise they've got to speak to people who are working class.

"You need to come close to problems to solve them."

Mrs. Starrit sees a big future for groups such as hers.

She said other groups for convenience and contact. Some people don't like to talk about their problems over the phone."

Mrs. Starrit hopes her group won't become "institutionalised." She says she isn't doing anything she wasn't doing when her job wasn't paid.

Legal changes needed to protect consumer

had written to her following her appointment. They see the new position as a step-up for consumer groups.

"They've taken a lot of interest."

Her office is presently at 9 Withers Street in Sunshine. But, in a couple of weeks, she will move along with other community groups into Sunshine's new community centre.

Both the community centre and Mrs. Starrit's appointment were made possible by grants from the Western Region Council for Social Development.

Mrs. Starrit's group received $22,000.

Before the grant, the group had been relying on subscriptions from members to carry out their work.

Part of the money will go towards buying a mobile unit which, the group envisages, will be set up in shopping centres in different municipalities one day a week.

"We need local bureaus

"The reason we've been successful is that people know they're not coming to a hierarchy. There's personal contact."

The group welcomes new members. Applications can be sent to P.O. 113, Sunshine.

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DOOLEY, Roy Douglas. — June 14, Western General Hospital, loving husband of Grace, loved father of Don, Lorraine, Shirley (dec.), Kevin, father-in-law of Maureen, Glenda, loved grandfather of Lynn, Gary, Melissa, Gregory, Emma, Shane and Garrad. Aged 60. I will always be with you, Grace.

MEANS (Mayhew). — On June 12, suddenly, Hazel, loved sister of George, sister-in-law of Alice, auntie of Dawn and family. A wonderful sister.

ROBERTS, Eric Stanley. — On May 29 (suddenly) at his home, 201 Douglas Parade, Newport. Ever loving husband of Beatrice. My darling at rest.

ROBERTS, Eric Stanley. — Dearly beloved brother-in-law of Elma and the late George Page. Always remembered.

WHITEHEAD, Peter. — On June 12. Good friend and neighbor of the Millichip family. Always remembered.

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HOLLY. — Passed away 22.6.70. Dearest mother, treasured memories of you are always with us.
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HUGHES, Harry. — Passed away 18/6/1973. Always remembered by loving son Bob, daughter-in-law Joan, grandchildren Jan, Tony, Glenn, Michael, Alan and great grandchild Cherie.

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Before you closed your eyes.
When last I saw your smiling face,
You looked so bright and well.
Little did I ever think
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We both made a promise
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REPAT. OFFERS PRIZES

The 12th annual story-writing project is now open for Victorian repatriation pensioners.

The Postmaster-General, Senator Bishop, announced the project opening this week.

Prizes in the competition total $600. Last year's attracted 108 entrants, who submitted 335 entries, including plays, poems, short stories and true-life experiences.

The competition was designed as a therapeutic exercise to release the creative talents of sick or disabled former servicemen and women and war widows.

Ampol Petroleum, General Motors Holden and G. J. Coles and Co. Ltd. will sponsor the competition.

For more information, please write to the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation, Box 87A, GPO, Melbourne, 3001.

Witnesses wanted

Detectives from Footscray C.I.B. are looking for witnesses to a car fire under the Hopkins Street, Footscray railway bridge late last month.

A senior detective said yesterday the alarm was given from a public fire alarm at the corner of Hopkins and Moreland streets.

It was probably a passing motorist was responsible for this and had not waited, not realising he or she could possibly assist police.

The car, a white-colored Volkswagen, was stolen from St. Albans and police believe it was deliberately set alight in the early hours of the morning.

They believe the car *was driven along the railway* line to where it was burnt.

Anyone seeing the fire, or the car, is urged to contact **Detective-Sergeant R. Wyllie,** at Footscray C.I.B., telephone 68 6234.

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VIKINGS' LOSE GAME OF BRAWL, SPITE

Altona City recorded their third successive loss on Saturday in a match that was marred by an all-in brawl in the second quarter and several other spiteful incidents.

Some of the football by the Vikings was their best for the year but in the final term the Altona players failed to match the classy Newport side.

At three-quarter time the scores were Altona 5-7, Newport 6.10. A close finish seemed inevitable.

But the Vikings hopes were crushed as Newport slammed home six goals to run off comfortable winners.

Vikings' coach Mal Tisdale once again led his team brilliantly to win his second consecutive Businessman's Trophy (donated by Ken Kim).

Altona lost a lot of drive when the Morgan twins, Glenn and Robin, both left the field with ankle injuries.

Gary Munro was a strong half back and John Male, playing at full-back for the first time, was a safe defender.

Altona's forward work however was haphazard. Many chances were lost when forwards failed to back each other up.

Newport were playing the kind of football that Altona's great teams of past years played.

Final scores: Newport 12.12 (84). Altona City 8.7 (55).

Goalkickers: R. Schwabe 3, J. O'Connor 2, I. Roberts, D. Boyle, D. Brennan.

Best players: Mal Tisdale, J. Male, G. Munro, J. O'Connor, D. Brennan, P. Burgess.

Take stock

Newport is undefeated and Altona has lost four games, so the gap between the two teams is widening. With one complete round of matches now completed, Altona must take stock of its position if it is to win sufficient games in the second round to be a force in this year's finals.

Reserves: The Reserves had a bye because of the suspension of the South Kingsville club.

The under-17s were no match for the brilliant Williamstown Fourths. Altona showed little fighting spirit after being badly beaten in the third quarter.

Final scores: Williamstown 19.8 (122). Altona 12.7 (79).

Goals: R. Magnabosca 3, R. Walsh, G. Nolan, D. Barling 2 each. J. Taylor, W. Groome, P. Wilson.

Best: Magnabosca, A. Wilson, Nolan, H. Wilson, Groome, Barlig.

Under-15. A bye.

Under-13: With one round completed the under-13s are the Vikings' best performers, being undefeated. On Saturday against Sunshine Heights a brilliant final quarter saw Chatfield's champions run out easy winners.

Scores: Altona 9.6 (60). Sunshine 5.3 (33).

Best: N. Condon, P. Jons, D. Schmidt, G. Scholes, P. Richards.

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Tax Saver's Guide

Looking for advice on how to get a bigger tax refund? Due to inflation, this year more than ever, people everywhere will want the most accurate and up-to-date information to help them fill in their income tax.

To this end, "The Age" will publish a special taxation guide to help you get the biggest tax refund cheque possible. Compiled by Australia's foremost financial journalists from "Business Age" in conjunction with tax experts, it explains in easy-to-follow terms how you can build up the biggest list of deductions.

The guide details the new tax structure, the capital gains tax law which was changed in July last, and there's special advice for pensioners who this year will be paying tax for the first time.

This tax saver's guide will be published in "The Age" on Friday.

Then next Monday "The Age" publishes another lift-out called "The Face of the Earth" — a 2 page broadsheet color wall chart.

This magnificent document was prepared by the London Times in conjunction with the London Geological Museum and is available exclusively through "The Age". Of special interest to students and teachers, it details the origin and structure of the Earth.

New president for bowlers

R. Whitford has been elected president of Newport Bowling Club Associates.

The club held its annual meeting on June 12.

Other officers elected include: W. Clark and N. Hopper (vice-presidents), N. John (secretary). P. Luke (assistant secretary), A. Ritchie (treasurer).

CITY CLINGS TO No. 2 SPOT

Altona City defeated Essendon Lions 4-1 at the week-end to consolidate its second position on the ladder.

Altona has played 11 games for six wins, four draws and one loss.

UNDER-15

Altona won a closely fought match against Springvale 3-2.

After a great first half, Altona faded in the second to allow Springvale back in the game.

Derek Riley caught the eye at mid-field and was a constant threat to Springvale.

UNDER-14

Footscray JUST arrived 25 minutes late for its match to find the referee had awarded the points to Altona on default.

However, Altona wanted to play on and won by two goals.

UNDER-13

Frankston Pine sstarted brilliantly to score three goals in the first 20 minutes.

Altona fought back with a goal from John Gilpin but Pines increased its lead with its fourth soon after half time.

But Slavo Stojanoyski, Elio Manera tightened Altona's defence and Stephen Smith took command down the right flank.

Gilpin scored his second goal for Altona — its last score of the game.

Scores: Frankston Pines d. Altona 2.

UNDER-12

Altona had a long trip to Rosebud for its cup tie but the return journey was a happy one as it won seven nil.

Marty Bozic, Lars Murphy and Nuri Balousky gave Altona a three goal lead at half time.

Dardofsky, a last minute replacement in goal, was rarely troubled as Altona added goals through Johnny Little, Murphy, Anic, and Bozic.

UNDER-11A

Altona was untroubled to beat Mossfiel 6-0 after a early goal from Billy Hamill.

Hamill finished the game with three and the other goals were scored by Kevin Brennan and Bruno Cozzella 2.

Phil Smith and David Ballish were strong defenders for Altona.

UNDER-11B

Ringwood was put out of the cup by a goal in the 10th minute from Chris Caras — the only score of the game.

Andrew Thompson, Anthony Abella and Craig Snowling prevented Ringwood from equalising.

UNDER-10B

Altona scored a convincing 3-0 victory over Melbourne at Elwood Park.

The goals were scored in the first half by David Robinson, and Robert Easterbrook 2.

UNDER-9

Altona started well against Greensborough with a goal from Frank McNamara after only five minutes.

Asif Memisofsky scored three goals to be the star of the match.

The other goals were scored by McNamara, Darren Neuhert and Ian Spinks.

Scores: Altona 7 d. Greensborough 0.

NEWPORT AGAIN TOO STRONG

After a very hard tussle with arch rivals, Broadmeadows, Newport Y.C.W. showed their greater fitness and teamwork to come from behind in the last quarter and win comfortably by 25 points.

Newport showed great fighting heart to take the game away from a tough, strong opposition, and with more than half the season gone, look strong contenders for the flag.

The final scores were: Newport 12.18 (90). Broadmeadows: 9.11 (65).

Goals: P. Enright 3, Dunne, Fitzgiddon, Rich and Nelson 2. Croft 1.

Best on the day were: Clamp, Lee, Toby and Rich.

CLASSY CENTRALS EASILY

Central Altona easily beat Laverton on Saturday because of better team work and more class.

Winning rucks and rovers set up opportunities for Ron Smutney and Mark Ivory to each kick four goals.

Mick Kijan kicked seven goals at full-forward.

The tough half back line of Vassitiadis, Thwaites and Makinson, restricted the chances of the Laverton forwards.

Scores: Central Altona 19.9 (123) d. Laverton 9.3 (57).

Best: Ivory, Smutney and Johnston.

RESERVES

Maidstone defeated Central Altona by 10 points after Centrals led with six minutes to play.

The spectators saw a high standard game but were disappointed to see the home team lose.

UNDER 13

Central Altona had its first win of the season against Laverton B.

Scores: Centrals 6.7 (43) d. Laverton B 3.3 (21).

Best: Templar, Horidimes.

UNDER 11

Central Altona lost to Laverton A but the players showed great willingness to win the ball at all cost.

Best: Swedimama, Schuster, Lee and Rossi.

SIX POINTS DIFFERENCE

Williamstown Methodist seniors went down to Newport Methodist by one straight kick last weekend.

Newport won 10-16 to 9-16.

Foster booted four goals for Williamstown. Other goal kickers were Davis, 2, Temby, Bell and Smith.

Russell, Foster, Stewart, Temby and Nicholls were named best.

In the under 15s, Williamstown Methodists 14.20 beat Hoppers Crossing 2-3.

Goals: Farley 5, Bell 4, Botica, Doyle 2, Barnaby.

Best: Black, Cummings, Bell, Jones, Farley, Botica, Doyle, Elliott.

But Hoppers Crossing got up to win 4-5 to 2-3 in the under 13's.

Williamstown goals: Schafer, Hall. Best: Hall, Bonaris, Schafer, Clarke, Kendall.

Rope quoits

The Melbourne Rope Quoits Association, hopes to compile a history of rope quoits.

Any people who can provide information for this should send it to Mary, C/-Box 180, The Mail.

Golf scores

Mrs. C. De Rose, won the Kooringal associates' stroke play on June 4, with a nett 69.

Other results were: B grade, Mrs. D. Wood, 73 nett; C grade, Mrs. P. Allan, 69 nett and nine-hole stroke, Mrs. M. Banfield, 33 nett.

Dire Oaks fire, conspire

MURDER BY THE GRAVEDIGGERS

Let's talk of graves and worms and epitaphs . . .
And tell sad stories of the deaths of kings!

Or the deaths of teams . . .

Bolingbroke's defeat of King Richard II's feudal forces could scarcely have been more shattering than what the purple and the gold did to the gold and the blue at Oakleigh last Sunday.

Experience triumphs over hope

by Stuart Brown

Richard, according to Shakespeare, gave up the ghost and mourned for his lost England.

Wait with us a moment. Death is not the end. We divined that the grim reaper was at hand, with sharpened scythe, when we looked behind the hot-dog stand at pretty Oakleigh and saw the graves. A graveyard by a football ground! What bones lay there? Who was to join the dead?

***Williamstown!* For one act, the nestlings — a majority of local boys (and we mean very young men) nurtured by our own waters, held their battle-tried mercenary foes.**

That, in itself, was a feat — *boys doing men's jobs.*

But the murder began in Act II. The grave diggers opened up the earth. The Oaks gave the bodies to the sextons.

But the boys of Town are too young to die yet there will surely be a resurrection. They lacked not courage nor determination.The real youngsters must have learned a lot from the professionalism of the Oakleigh players.

In the long run and in general, footballers, as well as the rest of mankind, learn only from experience — the test of battle.

OK, *that's sad the music* of the requiem. Let's get down to facts.

A few days before the game, the brasher boys in our Town began to say we might actually beat Oakleigh. Vultures who thrive *on misfortune put the* mozz on their brothers, they offered 2/1 against Willy. By Sunday, the odds had shortened to 6/4. A 5/4 bet has been mentioned.

Captain-coach Barry Gill was out of the side. We knew that. But it turned out that he was too ill even to get to the ground. Tall Hemley went into the side.

The Towners went in fighting, showing some of the fire that they kindled in the game against Sandrigham but it was a Queen's Birthday fizzer.

In Act II, the mighty Oaks *began to reveal their* murder conspiracy. It was to unfold all day. With variations on the theme, but with relentless efficiency.

Centre tap to rover, ruck-rover or centre man, short dash, swift handpass *to running comrade;* kick to another, running into position, too; mark and goal. Every move toward the goals.

If the Oaks couldn't mark the ball or grab it and run they just punched or whacked it on. In some *inevitable* way it went from Oak to Oak — and often to Cloke.

The Oaks' domination of the centre bounce was their greatest weapon. Time and again, that wretched Ritterman or fly*ing Ford shot out from the* tangle of bodies. Our recollection is that Williamstown got the ball cleanly out of the centre *bounce about three times* in the unholy hour.

Not for lack of trying or flying. But lack of knowledge, trained skills and experience. How can you pull up your socks if you haven't got any?

May we quote again? It's not our laziness or our hangover. We've not read if put better, this bit about the young battlers and trained tried veterans.

In the words of Australia's soccer coach, Rale Rasic, after Australia lost — *honorably — to East* Germany in the great Berlin circus: **"They (the East Germans) know almost instinctively what to do while we have to think about it. That's the difference. It's all a matter of experience."**

That's it. If the Oaks keep playing as they did on Sunday, they will be *hard to beat for the VFA* pennant.

It was above all, the UNDERSTANDING between their players that Williamstown couldn't match. *It was almost* always two to one. Hardly ever were the Towners *able to put an Oakleigh* man under the hammer. He had someone close by to take a handnass or someone wide in the open for a footpass.

The 'Town boys seldom were able to break into the open spaces. Les Stillman, as always, got through a bit but he hobbled, hurt, through the second half — he couldn't walk as well even as this scribe at the end of the game. Jeff Scott got away sometimes, Neil Stillman, quite often. If you can *talk of a best,"* young Neil may have been 'Town's.

Moore, playing his first senior game, tried mightily Bill Thompson, taking *over at centre-half-back* from a Fenton outclassed by Cloke, held his own and his marks.

Fenton redeemed himself on the half-forward flank . . . but 'Town needed more than a redeemer or two.

Kerr, the boy from South, *did his best to justify* himself. "Sticks" Fanning marked well, kicked well but he and his scouts weren't quite on the same frequency.

Bob Percy, a man of peace, had *an angry scene* with Quinn, and was reported by goal and boundary *umpires,* who seemed fairly distant from the conflict. To put it bluntly, Bob seemed to get a strong sort of punch in the solar plexus. And he might have been upset by puzzling umpire *decisions.*

Umpires should not be too conspicuous. The game *should flow* with the least intervention. But umpire Davis had Oaks and Gulls alike baffled by his decisions. The umpiring may, a little, have favored the Oaks, but that *was only because they* nearly always got to the ball first. It's an axiom — first in best dressed and certainly least pressed.

Kicking. Football is kick ball. If there's anything the 'Towners did badly, it was kick. Three-quarters of the side just couldn't boot the ball in a straight line.

So many kicks just wobbled, floated or drifted that the anguished onlooker — especially one with money on the result — could only turn his eyes away.

Teach them someone, please.

The Oaks, on the other hand, kicked superbly around the field, although *they missed some easy* shots for goal.

The end of the game was a rout. They'd broken through our lines, shattered us and just ran *wild, looting and plunder*ing goals, as it were. Thank heavens we'd left our womenfolk or home well behind the pickets with their lemonade.

We want to forget almost everything of this game except the lessons. But, for the record, let's recall just a couple of 'Town's heroic feats. . . .

● Bob Percy hitting the ground hard, but almost as he does, he (instinctively) swishes the ball to Neil Stillman who snaps a goal.

● Best of all, a weaving run by Jeff Scott — was it 40 or 50 yards? — and a deadly left-foot snap.

But though the lads from 'Town were firmly planted in those deep holes on Sunday they will rise and fight again. You can lose a battle and win a war. *Steadiness under fire.* No panic. Orderly retreat. Regrouping. Attack. Attack.

Unbeaten

The Williamstown Seagulls team is still undeated after six rounds of the W.S.T.T.A.

The team is Geoff van Wyngaarden, Paul Miles, Theo del Grosso and Ray Lear and heads the ladder after beating Altona Baptists 7-4.

The ladder is: Williamstown *Seagulls 55 rubbers,* 24 match points; SRDB 44, 24; Altona Baptists 35, 12; BRM 35, 12; Derrimut 30, 12; Altona 28, 8; Apprentices 17, 4 and Market *Street 20, 0.*

The leading players are: P. Miles 18-0, G. van Wyngaarden 17-1 and P. Dyer 11-4.

The two unbeaten sides: Williamstown Seagulls and SRDB play next round.

Williamstown High wins

Williamstown High School trounced Altona High School at a sports clash.

Williamstown High won the senior boys' football 13-9, 87; to Altona High's 5-6, 36. Goalkickers for Williamstown were Hall, 3; Davies, 2; Bell, 2; Kapell, Fowler, Matty, Black, T. Smith and Howard. Best: Hall, T. Smith, Bell, Black, Lang, Jorgensen.

Williamstown also won the senior boys' basketball *by 56-9, but lost on forfeit* because they played several ex-students. Best were B. Robinson, R. Sharples, P. Gittins and the main goalscorer was P. Nash.

Williamstown won the senior boys' table tennis 7-2, with most rubbers being won by P. Nicola and G. Van Dyke.

Altona High won the senior boys' soccer, 17-1. Williamstown's goal was scored by N. Saker.

Senior girls' netball was won by Williamstown, 56-2. Best were Gillian Chambers and Vicky Peterson.

Williamstown also won the senior girls' table tennis, 16-0. Most rubbers were won by S. Major, D. Bull and L. Addison.

Scoreboard

OAK. 2.7, 10.12, 17.14, 26.20 (176).
WILL. 3.1, 5.4, 10.11, 14.15 (99).
Goals: OAKLEIGH: *Moore 5, Murnane 5,* Quinn 4, McDonald 4, Cloke 4, Wenn, Gaunt, Ford, McGrath. WILLIAMSTOWN: Townsend 4, N. Stillman 2, Roach 2, Powley 2, Scott, L. Stillman, Fanning, Percy.

RESERVES

Oakleigh 11.15 (81); Williamstown 8.12 (60).
GOALS: Kerss 4, Van der Wert 2, Battye, Hancock.
BEST: Johnson, Walker, Kerss, Lelkes, Jackson, Hannebery.

THIRDS

Oakleigh Thirds 21.17 (143); Williamstown 5.6 (36).
GOALS: Woodruff 2, Williams 2, G. Shaw.
BEST: Rayner, Williams, Anthony, Grove, Ryan.

FOURTHS

Williamstown 19.8 (122); *Altona City 12.7* (67).
GOALS: Messina 5, *Sims 3,* Rayner 3, Muldowney 2, Jones 2, Hickey 2, Davall, Kenny.
BEST: Sims, Kenny, Davall, Messina, Dawson, *Murphy, Rayner.*

UNDER 15

Williamstown 10.9 (69); *Westport 8.7* (55).
GOALS: Eldridge 4, Kassi 4, Byrgiotis, Kenins.
Best: Smith, Dean, Eldridge, Kassi, Charmers, Kenins.

UNDER 13

Westport 4.10 (34); Williamstown 1.2 (8).
GOALS: Marin.
BEST: Vernon, Jordan, Newman, Gurkin, *Loton, D'altera.*

UNDER 11

Williamstown A 9.20 (74); Hoppers Crossing A, no score.
GOALS: Brierty 3, Harris 2, Bratby, McDonald, Arceri, Hughes.
BEST: Hughes, Brierty, Lovell, Arceri, Barnett, Selvidge.
Altona City 11.20 *(86); Williamstown B,* no score.
BEST: Butterfield, Meyn, Richards.

W'town baseballers beat North Balwyn

B1 Williamstown baseballers won 7 - 4 against North Balwyn Sunday, in a good tight game.

In the first innings, Williamstown scored from walk to Treadwell who stole second. Saker rounded out to push Treadwell to third. Parnay *walked then Horsburgh* hit a long ball tl left field to score 'Town's first run.

In the fourth, Horsburgh crashed a hit through the fence for a ground rule two baser. After hits to Howe and McLeod and a hit-pitched-ball to Bowyer Williamstown scored another four runs.

North Balwyn crashed hits on Flower on the mound to come up with four runs. The score was 7-4.

Bolton replaced Flower on the mound and held North Balwyn for the rest of the game.

A hit through the fence by Saker in the last scored two more for 'Town ending the game 7-4.

Safe hits: R. Saker 2, G. Horsburgh 2, J. Rowe, N. Cedretti, N. McLeod.

Best players: R. Saker, G. Horsburgh.

SECONDS

B2 were beaten by North Balwyn 10-2. Best players ; R Warneike (two hits).

D GRADE

D Grade west zone beat Newport A 14-5.

Williamstown started off well with three hits in the first to score two runs.

Newport came back with one run but could not stop 'Town's powerful batting which resulted in three more runs in the second.

'Town scored again in the fourth. Newport replied *with a home run.*

Good base running in the fifth resulted in four runs to 'Town, the Newport pitcher was replaced.

Williamstown also scored four in the sixth with more good batting but relaxed to allow Newport to score three.

The game was marred by many errors by Williamstown.

This win was a good boost to the team's confidence as Newport was above Williamstown on the ladder. Next week 'Town plays Essendon who has had one loss for the season, to Newport A.

Safe hits: K. Park 3, M. Wainshtein 2, P. Parry 2, P. Collins, G. Dougall, S. McKenzie, C. Walker. Best players: P. Parry, M. Wainshtein.

Under 17

Williamstown turned on a good effort to defeat *Northcote with only seven* players. Final score: 'Town 10 d. Northcote 4. Best players: C.Young, A. Moloney, S. Sturrock.

Under 15

In this meeting of the two top sides, Williamstown lost to Sunshine 2-8. Best players; Gary Balzor.

Under13

Williamstown's Peewees played *poorly to lose* to Newport A 2-10.

Best players: Harris *(two hits)* Russell (one hit).

Next Sunday the two top teams, Williamstown and Newport A, will meet at 1.30 p.m. at The Strand Reserve. Light refreshments will be available.

Badminton

Results of the Western Suburbs Badminton Association's round 7.

A GRADE

St. Andrews Williamstown (blue) d. St. Andrews Footscray, 13-1, WHS Destroyers d. Williamstown Methodist 12-4, St. Andrews Williamstown (white) d. Sunshine 10-6.

B GRADE

Melbourne University d. Refinery 10-7, Deer Park d. Yarraville Methodst (purple) 12-3, Rebels d. Williamstown Methodist 12-3, Centenary d. Yarraville Methodist (gold) 12-2.

B1 GRADE

East Keilor d. Laverton High School 12-2, WHS Arrows d. Rebels 14-0.

B2 Grade

Yarraville Methodist d. Newport Presbyterian 10-4, Sunshine d. East Keilor 10-4.

B3 Grade

East Keilor d. Scots 9-5, WHS Derwent d. Williamstown Methodist 13-1, Sunshine d. St. Andrews Footscray 10-4.

C1 GRADE

Tullamarine d. WHS Voyagers 8-6, RAAF d. Laverton Memorial 10-4, East Keilor (red) d. Army 10-4.

C2 GRADE

Sunshine d. WHS Flinders 13-1, St. Andrews Footscray d. RAAF Mirages 8-6, Newport Presbyterian d. Army 10-4.

D GRADE

Laverton High School (defenders) d. Laverton Memorial 11-0, Laverton High School (aggressors) d. Strathmore High School (Stirling) 8-3, Strathmore High School (ross) d. RAAF 10-2.

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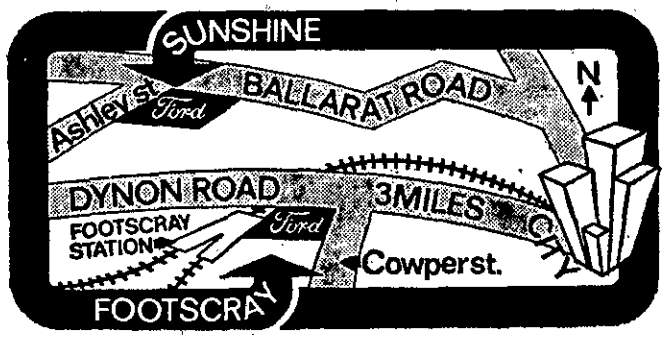

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